

Minutes of the Executive Committee

March 16, 2009

Chair Dwyer called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jim Dwyer	Dave Swan	Duane Paulson
Pat Haukohl	Tom Schellinger	
Bonnie Morris	Fritz Ruf	

Also Present:

Chief of Staff Mark Mader	Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz
Office Services Coordinator Karen Cooper	Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels
Community Development Coordinator Glen Lewinski	Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn
Community Resource Development Educator Jerry Braatz	

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-103: Authorize the Waukesha County University of Wisconsin Extension Office to Enter into a Contract from the City of Waukesha for Comprehensive Planning Facilitator Services

Cooper said this ordinance approves a contract with the City of Waukesha for Jerry Braatz to work on the city's comprehensive development plan. The department estimated \$26,248 for this contract when the budget was developed in June 2008 but did not take into consideration the cost of office supplies, copies, planning books, mileage, etc. for total revenues of \$30,225. The ordinance appropriates the difference of \$3,977.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Swan second, to approve 163-O-103.

Morris asked if the department is expecting any more contracts like this one. Braatz said they are not expecting any others.

Mader said Dale Shaver informed him he approves of this contract. It is a good step on the City of Waukesha's part.

Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and Consider 163-A-063: Appointment of Dr. Paula Dail to the Federated Library Board

MOTION: Ruf moved, Swan second, to approve Appointment 163-A-063. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Dwyer distributed and reviewed the list of correspondence. Supervisors may request copies of listed items from Jicha.

Approve Minutes of February 16, 2009

MOTION: Paulson moved, Schellinger second, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2009 as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Morris moved, Ruf second, to approve attendance of Pat Haukohl at WCA's Emerging Issues in Wind and Renewable Energy on March 30, 2009 in Stevens Point. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Morris second, to approve attendance of Executive Committee members at the state budget meeting at State Fair Park on March 25. Motion carried 7-0.

Future Agenda Items

Waukesha County's Investment Policies

Update on National Association of Counties 2008 Legislative Conference

Paulson attended a sessions relating to Veteran's, housing stimulus, child welfare and broadband legislation. Ruf attended three different sessions on clean water and alternative energy.

Dwyer said he brought home several books and pamphlets from the conference. Supervisors are welcome to borrow them. Overall, the conference was very informative. NACo staff does a very good job informing members what is going on in Washington and the lobbying team works well with people in power. Dwyer noted that the conference speakers seemed to be under the allusion there was money coming from somewhere to pay for all kinds of projects.

Ruf said the NACo Conference was a new experience for him and he found the experience valuable and impressive. The breakout sessions were particularly informative.

Discuss and Consider Resolution 163-R-009: Authorize Submission of Application from State of Wisconsin – Department of Commerce, CDBG – Emergency Assistance Program

Lewinski reviewed the resolution. This resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute documents related to the Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) application with Federal Government to apply for an estimated \$3,383,500 of Community Development Block Grant Residential Housing Assistance. Lewinski said the grant amount was derived from an estimation of 452 households receiving an average of \$7,500 (\$3,285,000) plus the estimated allowable administration costs recovery at approximately 3% of the grant amount (\$98,500). A future ordinance appropriating the grant funding will be presented to the County Board for approval if the Emergency Assistance Program grant is awarded.

Lewinski distributed a handout titled *Waukesha County CDBG-EAP Applications – Revised*. The state received \$49 million for the flood disasters of 2008 from FEMA including funding for 1,631 Waukesha County residents of varying income levels. An estimated 25% of these residents qualify for EAP funds based on income for items not covered or not fixed properly with FEMA funds or for issues not known about at the time of the floods such as mold or foundation problems. The handout lists the applications received requesting CDBG-EAP assistance in response to an RFP issued by the county. The resolution is needed in order for the county to submit the applications.

Ruf and Swan commented that projects listed on the handout for the Village of Pewaukee should actually be listed as the City of Pewaukee. Lewinski said he would review the list and make corrections as necessary.

Morris said the *Waukesha County CDBG-EAP Applications – Revised* handout indicates that the total of all applications is \$22,861,653.23. Why does the fiscal note indicate that the applications total \$3,383,500? Lewinski said the larger sum is being requested. The county will oversee the funding. The resolution approves the submission of the applications. Once the county gets the money, he will come back to the Executive Committee and County Board with an ordinance indicating how it will be distributed. Morris said the fiscal note should be changed to better clarify the financial situation. Daniels said she will work with Lewinski to write a more accurate fiscal note.

MOTION: Paulson moved, Morris second, to approve Resolution 163-R-009. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion of Summary of Federal Grant Applications/Funding

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Lewinski said Waukesha County applied for three eGrants through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). One grant would be used to purchase the YWCA of Waukesha building, which was foreclosed on several years ago, tear it down and build 12 to 14 NSP compliant units. The City of Waukesha will also have implementation responsibilities in the project. The second grant application is for the acquisition/rehabilitation and resale of foreclosed properties in a joint effort with the Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development. Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development would be the lead agency. The third grant application is a joint project between Waukesha County and Movin Out for acquisition/rehabilitation and rental for persons with disabilities. A meeting will be held March 24 to decide how the available \$38 million in NSP funding will be distributed amongst applicants.

Legislative Update

Krahn said he went to a number of offices in Washington D.C., talked with staff and met with Kind. He met with Ryan to discuss the Treasury Offset Proposal (TOPS), which would allow counties to intercept federal tax refunds. Several other counties are working on their Congressman on the issues. TOPS will not cost the federal government any money but instead would provide the federal government with 1% of the refunds for administrative costs. Krahn does not know how much money this would bring to Waukesha County.

With the Stimulus Package, Omnibus Package and President Obama's first budget, it is important to include language for supplanting. Transportation is a major issue. Both Commissions say the gas tax needs to be increased or changed to a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax. The governor committed almost all of the stimulus money to state projects. The Joint Finance Committee is taking up projects tomorrow. These projects will increase the state deficit. The governor said everyone has to share in the pain including counties but it is the property taxpayer who will feel the pain if the counties increase taxes on their behalf. The Governor's budget includes a \$2.1 million cut in HHS, 1% cut for Probation and Parole, and cuts to GAL, State Public Defenders and District Attorney's budgets. The governor is also proposing to decriminalize OARs.

Krahn distributed and reviewed a handout titled *2009 Legislation 3.16.09* highlighting the following bills: AB 130, AB 144, AB 149 and SB 107. He said 911 legislation is an ongoing effort. Meetings are arranged with members of both Houses and the Joint Finance Committee.

Krahn said statewide public hearings begin later this month. It would behoove the county to make a presentation at the hearings outlining exactly how HHS budget cuts will affect the counties. Mader said the proposed HHS cut of \$2.1 million is 3% of the county levy. There is a cap on county levy increases of 3%, which would include increases in labor. Services will have to be reduced to make up the difference.

Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

February 18 and March 4, 2009 – Finance - Haukohl said on February 18, the committee approved 13 ordinances and contract procurements for the Mobile Command Vehicle Contract and Land Records System. They also heard reports on the county's investment policies, interest allocations, year-end investment report and the 2008 requirements of statement of auditing standards. At the March 4 meeting, the committee heard reports on collections, claims and worker's compensation, information technology projects, employee performance evaluations and awards, and capital projects cost performance. They also discussed the state investment pool insurance issue.

February 26 and March 12, 2009 – HHS - Paulson said at the February 26 meeting, Krahn gave a state legislative and budget update. The committee also reviewed HHS fund balances, heard a presentation on Badger Care and toured the Workforce Development Center. At the March 12 meeting, the committee heard updates on public health, information technology, child abuse/neglect situations, and an update on the Governor's Proposed 2009 – 2011 budget.

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March 13, 2009 – Judiciary – Morris said the committee approved three ordinances at the March 13 meeting: 163-O-104, 163-O-105 and 163-O-106.

February 26 and March 12, 2009 – Public Works – Swan said at the February 26 meeting, the committee approved bids for toilets (campus facilities plumbing fixture conservation upgrades) and Law Enforcement Center HVAC renovations. They heard presentations on improvements to I-43 in Waukesha County, Public Works capital projects and the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. At the March 12 meeting, the committee considered parking lot signage changes in the Law Enforcement Center lot and Ordinance 163-O-102 eliminating transit transfer fees and zone fare charges on the mass transit system.

MOTION: Paulson moved, Rufs econd, to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Morris
Secretary